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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fernando Gonzalez et al.	§ § §	
	§	Group Art Unit: 2815
Prior Application Serial No.: 09/570,614	§	
Prior Application Filed: May 12, 2000	§ §	
Serial No.: Unassigned	§ §	Examiner: Wilson, A.
Filed: Herewith	§ §	

For: METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS
    IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES
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		Atty Docket: MCRO:125--4/FLE
		    94-0281.04

Assistant Commissioner
  For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a Request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/570,614, filed on 05/12/00, entitled **METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES** in the name of **Fernando Gonzalez et al.**

The following are enclosed:

1.   __X__   A true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a Title page, a **19** page disclosure, **6** pages of claims, a **1** page abstract of the disclosure, **17** sheets of formal drawings, and a Declaration signed by the inventors.

2.   __X__   **The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee as calculated below, less any claims canceled by amendment below, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MCRO:125--4/FLE (94-0281.04).**

3.a.   __X__   A copy of the Election and Power of Attorney in the prior application.

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3.b.   _____   A new Power of Attorney.

4.   __X__   An Assignment of record for the prior application.

5.   __X__   Three (3) sets of formal drawings, each set consisting of **17** sheets.

6.a.   _____   A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.

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6.b. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.

7. __X__ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

8. __X__ A Preliminary Amendment.

__X__ Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to **Michael G. Fletcher, Fletcher, Yoder & Van Someren, P.O. Box 692289, Houston, Texas 77269-2289; telephone (281) 970-4545.**

_____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

__X__ Cancel in this application original claims **1-17** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

CLAIMS	FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS 43	- 20 =	20	X $ 18.00	$ 414.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3	- 3 =	0	X $ 84.00	0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable)			+ 260.00	
				BASIC FEE	740.00
			Total of above Calculations =		1,154.00
	Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27. 1.28.				$
				TOTAL =	$ 1,154.00

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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